

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ALINE TUYISENGE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Aline Tuyisenge for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Aline Tuyisenge is a 10th grader at Aurora Central High and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Aline Tuyisenge is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Aline Tuyisenge for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

MOURNING THE LOSS AND HONORING THE LIFE OF THE ARTIST WHO WILL ALWAYS BE KNOWN AS PRINCE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sadness and heavy heart that I rise today in tribute to Prince, whose extraordinary talent, creativity, innovation, and imagination touched the hearts and moved the feet of millions of music lovers in America and around the world.

Prince transitioned from this life on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at Paisley Park, his Chanhassen, Minnesota residential and recording complex.

He was just 57 years young.

Mr. Speaker, it seems inadequate to note that Prince was a singer, songwriter, musician, producer, performing artist, and actor.

Whoever said that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts had to be talking about the artist who was formerly known as, but will always be remembered simply as Prince by the legions of fans who loved the way he made them feel about themselves.

So renowned were Prince's innovations, so electrifying was his guitar playing, so soul-affirming were the songs he penned, and so mesmerizing was his stage presence and unmatched vocal range that Rolling Stone Magazine lists Prince as one of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time.

Prince's musical career began in 1978, when his debut album "For You" was re-

leased, launching one of the most influential and culture shaping careers in the history of the music industry.

Prince produced some of the most memorable music of his generation, including the signature anthem, the soul-stirring "Purple Rain," regarded by many as the greatest song of the 1980s.

Prince's unwavering courage and talent lifted him to a realm rarely accessible to musicians.

Although his prolific body of work was the focus his fame, Prince was a citizen of the world and humanitarian whose life could be best summed up by the lyrics in "Diamonds and Pearls," the hit single he penned: "If I could I would give you the world."

Prince anonymously supported and funded many community improvement organizations, such as "Yes We Code," which worked with over 15 major technology companies to provide technology training to marginalized inner city youth.

Due to his faith as a Jehovah's Witness he would not speak publicly about his numerous good works but all that knew him celebrated his tireless efforts to make the world a better place.

Prince sold over 100 million records worldwide, making him one of the best-selling artists of all time, and the recipient of seven Grammy Awards, a Golden Globe Award, and the Academy Award for Best Music Original Score.

Widely regarded as one of the greatest guitarists of all time, Prince was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004, in his first year of his eligibility.

In addition to possessing one of the world's most distinctive voices and dance moves, Prince was a virtuoso on every instrument he played—guitar, bass guitar, drums, keyboards, and Linn drum.

Mr. Speaker, witnessing in person a performance by Prince was an incredible and unforgettable experience.

Prince was proudly different and he inspired generations of fans to unapologetically embrace, celebrate, and love their authentic selves.

My heart goes out to Prince's family and friends and the infinite number of fans mourning the loss of this music icon, this unique spirit, this incredible force of nature.

Mr. Speaker, this is truly what it sounds like when doves cry.

With the passing of Prince, the world has lost one of the greatest gifts of all; the pure joy we felt whenever Prince performed one of those songs that made us go crazy and party like it's 1999.

Yes, Prince left us too soon; just like that little red corvette.

As Horatio said of Hamlet: "Good night sweet Prince, and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."

Mr. Speaker, I request that the House observe a moment of silence in memory of the dearly beloved Prince.

We will always remember him and in our hearts will always see him laughing in the Purple Rain.

ANICEE LAMOREAUX

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Anicee Lamoreaux for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Anicee Lamoreaux is a 7th grader at Rocky Top Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Anicee Lamoreaux is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Anicee Lamoreaux for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

AUTISM AFTER 21 DAY

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2016

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, in America today, there is a population that has gone unrecognized. The conversation on autism has long ignored Autistic adults. For this reason, I rise to recognize April 21 to be noted as "Autism after 21 Day"—representing the age when services for children end and services for adulthood begins.

In declaring this day, we draw attention to the fact that there are many adults that need to have a country aware of their gifts and challenges. This is a step in helping to create a brighter future for these adults and the people who care about them.

I am proud to have organizations in my Congressional district that work hard to address these needs. In conjunction with their work and the needs of those that are adults on the Autism Spectrum, we are calling for "Autism after 21 Day" to acknowledge the many people who are navigating adulthood and wanting to reach their full potential. With our help, that journey may not be as lonely and isolated; rather, the individuals can be recognized as an important part of our community. Twenty-six years after the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Autistic adults deserve access to the goals set by the ADA: equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency.

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CHAZITI EATON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Chaziti Eaton for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Chaziti Eaton is a 12th grader at Brighton High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Chaziti Eaton is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Chaziti Eaton for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE 2016 SUSTAINABILITY REPORT "CREATE, GROW, SUSTAIN: PEOPLE AND TECHNOLOGY AT WORK"

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2016

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, last Friday, we celebrated Earth Day. Every year on April 22 we recognize how much we have at stake in preserving the wondrous natural resources of not just the United States, but of the entire planet. As someone who has sponsored important legislation to upgrade pipeline safety standards and keep microbeads out of our waters while helping to broker a landmark deal that opened up markets for energy exports and extended tax credits for renewables, I understand the many momentous ways in which we have improved the environment within our great country since the first Earth Day in 1970. And no organization has captured the many ways in which our private businesses have made, and continue to make, huge strides toward sustainability than the Business Roundtable.

But to me and so many of our colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, the unsung heroes in the effort to make our nation cleaner and more abundant are the private companies that develop technologies that are responsible for a cleaner environment.

They are the ones who have developed technologies that have helped to clean our Nation's vital waterways, including the Great Lakes.

They have cleaned the air in Los Angeles, where the "brown layer" over the entire basin of 30–40 years ago is a distant memory. This is thanks to breakthroughs from auto manufacturers and oil refiners alike.

Chemical companies are enhancing energy efficiency in our homes and businesses, and increasing the productivity of our farmland.

The ability to tap into natural gas that seemed out of reach, if we even knew it ex-

isted, has enabled us to radically reduce greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere.

The Business Roundtable has done us all a great service by canvassing its members and compiling a document, entitled "Create, Grow, Sustain: People and Technology at Work" that acquaints us with the technologies that these very companies have used so effectively, and the cutting-edge approaches they have developed that will facilitate sustainability long into the future.

This report represents a catalog of technologies promise to bring about advances under the heading of sustainability at an even more rapid pace than we seen over the past decades. The future is bright indeed.

Mr. Speaker, I hope our colleagues will take the time to review the Business Roundtable 2016 sustainability report so they can see for themselves the exciting technologies being put into commerce by our leading companies.

COLE ARNOLD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cole Arnold for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Cole Arnold is a 12th grader at North Valley School for Young Adults and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Cole Arnold is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Cole Arnold for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

IN COMMEMORATION OF DR. LAMUEL STANISLAUS' 95TH BIRTHDAY

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2016

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of Dr. Lamuel Stanislaus' 95th birthday. Dr. Lamuel Stanislaus celebrated his 95th birthday on April 22, 2016 in Brooklyn, NY, with close friends and relatives.

Born in Petite Martinique, Grenada, Lamuel A. Stanislaus, has been the recipient of numerous professional, civic and political awards which include the Insignia of Commander of the British Empire from her Majesty the Queen of England, (CBE), The Lifetime Achievement Award from the District Attorney of Brooklyn, and a Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from St. George's University, to name the few.

On February 7th, 2016, Dr. Stanislaus was recognized under Grenada's National Hero's legislation and was named Knight Commander which provides for him to be referred to as Sir Lamuel—KCNG.

His exemplary work done as the UN ambassador of Grenada furthermore cements his legacy, contributing to the well-being of not only his country, but the host of eleven other small commonwealth countries; in particular the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) in which I deeply express my gratitude.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I ask we recognize Dr. Lamuel A. Stanislaus not only for his achievements he's done for the global community but most importantly being a family man, a father to his children, a loving husband and a true hero in our society.

DYLAN COAD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dylan Coad for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Dylan Coad is an 8th grader at Scott Carpenter Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dylan Coad is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dylan Coad for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

ANGELIQUE VARGAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Angelique Vargas for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Angelique Vargas is a 9th grader at Connections Academy and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Angelique Vargas is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Angelique Vargas for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CAROL ANN GRANT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Carol Ann Grant for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Carol Ann Grant is an 8th grader at Bennett Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Carol Ann Grant is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Carol Ann Grant for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. CHARLES ELACHI, DIRECTOR OF THE JET PROPULSION LABORATORY

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2016

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Dr. Charles Elachi, the Director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), who plans to retire this June after 45 years of service to the people of the United States of America.

Dr. Elachi's journey to become the Director of JPL is a source of inspiration and encouragement to every young person in America who dreams of making great discoveries or changing the world around them. Charles Elachi's life is a true Horatio Alger story. As Dr. Elachi wrote recently in an essay for the Smithsonian, "How did a boy from an ordinary, middle-class family in a little Lebanese village come so far? The answer is deeply connected with what I believed as a child and I still believe today: The United States is a land of freedom and opportunity, where anything is possible, and where dreams can and do come true."

Growing up in the small Lebanese town of Rayak, Charles remembers meeting "quite a few American visitors. Over and over again," he said, "I was struck by their open, positive attitude toward life, their attitude that anything is possible, no holds barred, regardless of family background, religion or color." As a boy, he loved watching the stars at night, and he says watching those stars helped inspire him to study hard at school. He was so successful at his studies that he distinguished himself as Lebanon's top science student, an honor which enabled him to attend any university he chose.

He first earned a degree in physics at the University of Grenoble, France, and then earned a degree in engineering at the Polytechnic Institute. When it was time to decide

on graduate school, those early positive memories of optimistic fearless Americans inspired him to go to California, where he earned admission to the California Institute of Technology. He fell in love with southern California, and earned a master's degree and a doctorate in electrical sciences from Caltech, a master's degree in geology from UCLA, and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Southern California.

His lifelong dreams about exploring the stars and his exceptional work in college brought him to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in 1970. He first worked on Earth observing missions, and then moved on to planetary exploration and astrophysics. His scientific and engineering gifts and his natural talent as a leader led NASA to select Charles as the Science Team Leader on the Space Shuttle's Imaging Radar. JPL recognized his unique skills and assigned him to be a key part of the Magellan Imaging Radar which was so essential to visualize the surface of Venus through its permanent and total cloud cover for the first time.

NASA and JPL were so impressed with his work that he was then chosen to lead the radar science team for the extraordinarily successful Cassini-Huygens mission to Saturn. Once again, his skill with orbital imaging radar systems proved essential in visualizing the surface of an alien world otherwise forever hidden beneath a permanent worldwide cloak of clouds—Titan. Charles' work as the leader of this radar team was a vital part of selecting the site for humanity's first successful landing on an alien world beyond the moon and Mars when the Huygens spacecraft landed on Titan in January, 2005. The Cassini orbiter continues to thrive far beyond its predicted lifespan and return groundbreaking scientific discoveries about Saturn, its ring system and its immense family of moons.

Charles Elachi was appointed as director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in 2001, and under his visionary leadership, JPL scientists and engineers have discovered: conclusive evidence of water ice and long lasting rivers and lakes on Mars; created history's most detailed gravity field and ice maps of Earth; returned history's first samples and close up images of a comet; landed three complex and highly successful spacecraft on Mars; blasted the first artificial crater in a comet to learn what comets are truly made of; landed the first spacecraft on Titan and sampled its surface and atmosphere; discovered lakes and seas of liquid methane on Titan using Charles' imaging radar; created the first deep space telescopes to see the universe in ultraviolet and infrared; returned our first true close up images of dwarf planets and asteroids; created the most detailed map ever made of the Moon; discovered millions of black holes; discovered the first Earth like exoplanet in the habitable zone of another star; discovered conclusive evidence for immeasurable millions of exoplanets in our galaxy; set a still growing record for driving a spacecraft across the surface of another world with the unstoppable Opportunity lander on Mars; discovered the most luminous galaxy in the universe; discovered conclusive evidence for liquid water today on the surface of Mars; discovered immense geysers of frozen water erupting from a worldwide ocean beneath the frozen surface of Saturn's moon Enceladus; and laid the groundwork for what most planetary scientists

predict could be the first discovery of life beyond Earth in the vast oceans of Europa.

These discoveries will be remembered throughout human history. "Only the United States could do this!" as Charles vividly remembers a foreign visitor saying on the night a rocket sky crane gently landed the Mars Science Lab on the surface of Mars in August of 2012. Charles was reminded that night of another day he felt the same sort of immense pride in his nation when he took the oath to become a United States citizen in August of 1979. "In this nation of immigrants," Charles wrote for the Smithsonian, "especially in science and engineering, where people try new things and solve problems, they don't ask where you're from. Instead, they ask who is the best person to help overcome a challenge."

"In other countries, you just don't find this merging of cultures, this melting pot. I think diversity truly enriches our society and makes the United States more intellectually and economically powerful. People from different backgrounds bring different ideas and thought processes. The best ideas rise to the top. I see that happen at NASA and JPL all the time. How else do you land a rover on a planet no human has ever visited, or design a robot to capture an asteroid?"

Charles tells us that "I believe this uniquely American spirit of optimism, the sense that anything is possible for anyone, is a key reason our nation is the world leader in space exploration. . . . That wonderful, very American spirit of opening doors, of pushing the frontier, of pursuing the seemingly impossible—that's what exploration is all about. When the United States landed on the moon and Neil Armstrong took that one "small step" on the surface, when we landed a rover on Mars, when we deliberately collided with a comet to study its interior, all those milestones made people here feel deep pride as Americans. But I also believe and hope that they made people around the globe feel deep pride as humans, pride in all the positive and amazing things we can accomplish when we work together."

Charles Elachi embodies everything that has made America the most prosperous and powerful and freest nation in the history of the world. His life and the scientific discoveries he has left us all as his legacy will inspire us and our children and grandchildren and their descendants for all time. Charles Elachi and his extraordinary team of scientists and engineers have made our lives as Americans and as members of the human race far, far richer because he and his team have dared and succeeded in achieving mighty things.

All Americans owe this wonderful good man an immeasurable debt of gratitude. We will reap the harvest of his visionary leadership for many, many generations to come. It is my great privilege to be his friend and to stand here today, on behalf of the people of Texas I represent who love NASA and its mission, and on behalf of the United States Congress, to thank Charles Elachi for his devoted service to America, to NASA, to JPL, to science and for helping lead humanity in our greatest era of discovery. May God always bless you and you and your family, Charles.

CLAUDIA VARGAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Claudia Vargas for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Claudia Vargas is a 12th grader at Mapleton Early College High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Claudia Vargas is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Claudia Vargas for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CORA HOLSAPFEL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cora Holsapfel for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Cora Holsapfel is a 12th grader at Northglenn High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Cora Holsapfel is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Cora Holsapfel for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

GABRIEL GALLEGOS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Gabriel Gallegos for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Gabriel Gallegos is an 11th grader at Westminster High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Gabriel Gallegos is exemplary of the type of achieve-

ment that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Gabriel Gallegos for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on April 21, 2016, I was unable to vote on H.R. 4890, To impose a ban on the payment of bonuses to employees of the Internal Revenue Service until the Secretary of the Treasury develops and implements a comprehensive customer service strategy. I would have voted in support of final passage of H.R. 4890, roll call No. 162, had I been present.

Additionally, I would have voted in support of final passage of H.R. 3724, the Ensuring Integrity in the IRS Workforce Act, roll call No. 163.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 27

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 2644, to reauthorize the Federal Communications Commission for fiscal years 2017 and 2018, S. 421, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, S. 2607, to ensure appropriate spectrum planning and interagency coordination to support the Internet of Things, S. 2508, to reduce sports-related concussions in youth, S. 2829, to amend and enhance

certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, S. 2325, to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, S. 2817, to improve understanding and forecasting of space weather events, the nomination of Andrew J. Read, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

SR-253

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine government reform, focusing on ending duplication and holding Washington accountable.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine counterfeits and their impact on consumer health and safety.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine S. 2812, to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize and improve the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, S. 2831, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide priority for applicants for a license to operate as a small business investment company that are located in a disaster area, S. 2838, to improve the HUBZone program, an original bill entitled, "Small Business Innovation Protection Act of 2016", an original bill entitled "Microloan Program Modernization Act of 2016", and an original bill entitled, "Prove It Act of 2016"; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the waters of the United States rule and the case for reforming the Renewable Fuels Association.

SR-428A

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Defense.

SD-192

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine fixing the budget process, focusing on better budgets and better results.

SD-608

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine United States-China relations, focusing on strategic challenges and opportunities.

SD-419

2 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 1928, to support the education of Indian children, S. 2205, to establish a grant program to assist tribal governments in establishing tribal healing to wellness

courts, S. 2304, to provide for tribal demonstration projects for the integration of early childhood development, education, including Native language and culture, and related services, for evaluation of those demonstration projects, S. 2421, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Alaska, S. 2468, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a 5-year demonstration program to provide grants to eligible Indian tribes for the construction of tribal schools, S. 2564, to modernize prior legislation relating to Dine College, S. 2643, to improve the implementation of the settlement agreement reached between the Pueblo de Cochiti of New Mexico and the Corps of Engineers, and S. 2717, to improve the safety and address the deferred maintenance needs of Indian dams to prevent flooding on Indian reservations; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Government Accountability Office report on "Telecommunications: Additional Coordination and Performance Measurement Needed for High-Speed Internet Access Programs on Tribal Lands."

SD-628

3:30 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine Valeant Pharmaceuticals' business model, focusing on the repercussions for patients and the health care system.

SH-216

APRIL 28

9 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider S. 2848, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, S. 2808, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, S. 2824, to designate the Federal building housing the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Headquarters located at 99 New York Avenue N.E., Washington, D.C., as the "Ariel Rios Federal Building", Army Corps of Engineers Study Resolutions, and General Services Administration resolutions.

SD-406

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine counter-ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) operations and Middle East strategy.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of State,

and H.R. 2494, to support global anti-poaching efforts, strengthen the capacity of partner countries to counter wildlife trafficking, designate major wildlife trafficking countries.

S-116

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, S. 2348, to implement the use of Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, to solve and prevent violent crimes and other crimes, to exonerate the innocent, to prevent DNA analysis backlogs, S. 2577, to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA and other forensic evidence samples to improve and expand the forensic science testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of forensic evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to support accreditation efforts of forensic science laboratories and medical examiner offices, to address training and equipment needs, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and S. 2840, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize COPS grantees to use grant funds for active shooter training.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine mental health in America.

SD-215

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine the impacts of invasive species on the productivity, value, and management of land and water resources; to conduct oversight on the National Invasive Species Council's new framework for early detection and rapid response; to examine improved cooperative tools for control and management, including S. 2240, to improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior.

SD-366

MAY 9

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the sub-

committee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SR-232A

MAY 10

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SR-232A

11 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SD-G50

2 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SD-G50

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SD-G50

5:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SR-232A

MAY 11

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SR-222

MAY 12

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

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MAY 13

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SR-222